

VII. A. SUBAREA INTRODUCTION



To provide a manageable framework in which to identify and address parks and recreation facility and program needs, ten planning subareas were defined during the development of the 1999 System Plan. These areas were delineated using census tract boundaries, major highways and thoroughfares (which act as barriers between neighborhoods), and city limits as the various boundaries. Though roughly equal in area (except for the Central subarea), the subareas vary in population, existing park facilities and programs, natural resource assets, demographics, and social statistics. (These characteristics differentiate the ten planning subareas from the ten City Council districts.) Each planning subarea is summarized in subsequent sections. For this document it has been determined that the ten existing Subareas are still valid due to limited changes in the characteristics; however, it is realized that with growth from the southeast to the southwest part of the City, additional subareas may need to be defined in future updates of this document.

It is important to clarify that City Council districts may overlap more than one planning subarea. A detailed list of City park and recreation facilities has been compiled for each City Council District (see Appendix D).

Population figures for the ten planning subareas in 2005 and projections for the year 2010 and 2015 are important in assessing not only the current parks and recreation system inventory, but in making future recommendations for the system as well. These figures are summarized in each subarea section. It is important to recognize that the boundaries of census tracts comprising each subarea extend beyond the current City Limits in various places. The total subarea population therefore exceeds the estimated City population. The overall populations by Subarea over the next ten years are as follows:

Subarea	2000	2005	% change	2010	% change	2015	% change
Central	3,692	4,064	+10.10%	4,436	+9.20%	4,810	+8.4%
East	113,795	115,414	+1.40%	117,035	+1.40%	118,656	+1.4%
South	126,585	130,598	+3.20%	135,600	+3.80%	140,285	+3.5%
Southwest	93,240	94,995	+1.90%	96,763	+1.90%	97,530	+0.8%
West	214,440	211,824	-1.20%	210,396	-0.70%	210,970	+0.3%
North	151,673	155,961	+2.80%	160,250	+2.80%	164,538	+2.7%
Far West	127,495	155,026	+21.60%	180,184	+16.20%	200,530	+11.3%
Northwest	97,450	113,759	+16.70%	128,634	+13.10%	142,662	+10.9%
Far North	108,910	137,847	+26.60%	155,628	+12.90%	176,600	+13.5%
Northeast	136,120	163,312	+20.00%	181,474	+11.10%	197,519	+8.8%
CityWide	1,173,400	1,282,800	+9.30%	1,370,400	+6.80%	1,454,100	+6.1%

***This information is based on projections made by the City Planning Department using past trend analysis (1970 – 2000) and current 2005 city limit boundaries.

In the following sections of this chapter, each subarea is summarized with reference to:

- **General characteristics** including an overall description of the area.
- **Population figures** for 2000, 2005, with five year (2010 and 2015) projections. This information is based on projections made by the City Planning Department using past trend analysis (1970 – 2000) and current 2005 city limit boundaries.
- **Demographics** including race, gender, age, and median income of the area.
- **Prominent landmarks and natural resource assets** that give the subarea its unique identity and may be critical when analyzing future acquisition and/or development opportunities.
- **List of all City of San Antonio park facilities** including classification type and acreage.
- **List of other public park facilities** including those of the County, State, and Federal governments, and other incorporated cities within Bexar County, and acreage.
- **Needs assessment summary** including present and projected acreage goals (i.e. 16 acres per 1,000 residents), and results of verbal discussions and written surveys conducted at 10 public meetings held in the summer of 2004 and Spring of 2005.

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- **Listing of Past Accomplishments** in the areas of Capital Improvement Projects completed and/or currently funded (physical projects and land acquisitions).
- **Recommendations** for park and recreation facilities based on the subareas current and projected demographics and existing facilities. These recommendations are listed as general priorities for the subarea.
- **Proposed/Unfunded Projects** for specific parks and facilities within the subarea with scope of work, cost estimate for land acquisition, design, and construction, source of funding, and proposed year of funding.
- **Maps** of each subarea that identify existing park and recreation facilities and existing programs (after school programs, summer sites, community center programs, aquatics programs).